

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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**Division of Water Rights** 

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Ron Thompson Washington County Water Conservancy District 136 North 100 East St. George, UT 84770

Dear Ron,

The Division of Water Rights supports the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) proposed project for automated water diversion data collection for the Virgin and Santa Clara Rivers being submitted under the Water Challenge 2025 Grant program. Better measurement, linked to better water management, prevents waste and increases the potential use and conservation of Utah's precious water resources.

As the agency charged with responsibility for measurement, apportionment, and distribution of Utah's waters the Division is encouraged by WCWCD's past efforts and supports WCWCD's future plans. The systems now installed and those planned in your current proposal support our mission of "providing order and certainty in the beneficial use of Utah's water."

The Division is available if you need assistance as the project progresses. Please do not hesitate to contact Mike Silva, Distribution Engineer if you need further assistance or have questions. He can be reached at: MikeSilva@utah.gov or by phone at (801) 538-7430.

Sincerely,

**Boyd Clayton** 

Interim State Engineer

cc: Lee Sim Mike Silva

